

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close up look at amazing animals! Join in woods walks! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open Monday - Saturday 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

January & February 2009 Activities

WINTER HOURS THROUGH FEBRUARY

8:30A.M. TO 4P.M.

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

CLOSED SUNDAYS

Saturday, January 3rd

1p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ You may discover animal tracks and signs without seeing the animal; in the mud and snow, out in the woods and fields. Learn fun ways to discover where a deer is traveling or what is out and about in winter. **vc**



The 2009 camping season will soon be here.
You can make reservations for that favorite campsite up to 6 months in advance by calling the Central Reservation System at 1.866.622.6746 or go online at www.camp.in.gov

We now have the **2009 annual entrance permits.**

Indiana residents - \$36

Non-residents - \$46

Golden Hoosier pass - \$18

Stop by the Patoka Lake office or give us a call at 1.812.685.2464 for more information.



EAGLE WATCH

2009



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

PATOKA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

8:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

COME EXPERIENCE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BALD EAGLES

COME DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER

HAVE YOUR CAR FUELED FOR THE CAR CARAVANS

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - PROGRAM FEE \$5.00

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL 812.685-2447 OR 812.685-2464

7:30a.m. **Visitor Center open** ~ Enjoy morning refreshments.

8:00a.m. **Sign-in / Fee of \$5** (6 years & older)

Participants 5 years of age & younger **FREE**

8:30a.m. **Car Caravan** ~ View bald eagles in the wild places of Patoka. Bring binoculars and cameras, as we join **Aron Showalter**, Patoka Wildlife Specialist for an amazing look at nature's winter world.

9:30a.m. **Raptors of Indiana** ~ Special guest **John Castrale**, Nongame Wildlife Biologist, DNR Fish & Wildlife, presents an overview of the raptor reintroduction program, current status of bald eagles, peregrine falcons and osprey in the return of birds of prey to Indiana.

10:45a.m. **Break**

11a.m. **Raptors of Patoka** ~ Enjoy the story of 3 birds of prey, a redtail hawk, a barred owl and a bald eagle, who live at the Visitor Center. How much do these powerful birds weigh? What do they eat? With thousands of feathers and always wild, these raptors are an important feature of Patoka's interpretive services.

11:45a.m. **Break**

12p.m. **Car Caravan** ~ Another great outdoor opportunity to see eagles around Patoka Reservoir.

Saturday, January 24th

1-3p.m. January Jam & Pitch-In with Bob Gibson & Friends ~



Join Bob Gibson & Friends for old time, country, bluegrass tunes, and much more. Bring non-electric or acoustic music instruments and your singing voice (not required) as we gather to share favorite songs, individual interpretations and sing-along tunes. Bring a snack item to share. This musical group is sure to delight folks of all ages with dulcimers, guitars, fiddles, banjos and more. Celebrate the season of winter with friends and music old and new. Treat yourself to a winter celebration & jam session. **vc**

Saturday, February 7th

10a.m. Patoka's Past ~ Learn about lografting on the Patoka River years ago. See the faces and places of yesteryear as we hear the stories of Farris King and other former residents about their way of life, a sense of community and amazing adventures! **vc**

Saturday, February 21st

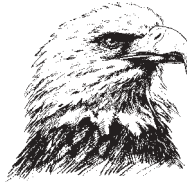
1p.m. Wildlife Habitat Garden ~ Get an early start on planning your butterfly and hummingbird garden for 2009. With tips and tricks, we'll look at what is important to invite wildlife of all kinds to your gardens. Get ready for spring with bluebird house plans. Ideas and plans are waiting for you at Patoka! **vc**



EAGLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE throughout the year! Stop by the Visitor Center and pick up your information packet of raptor flight identification, eagle fact sheet and a map of bald eagle viewing areas around Patoka!

BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



Donations may be sent to:

Indiana Natural Resources Foundation
attn: C52 Fund
402 W. Washington St., # W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For a detailed schedule of viewing times or more information about Patoka's resident raptors, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, call the Visitor Center at 812.685-2447 or check out the web: **www.in.gov/dnr/c52**

ARTSPACE

Experience a variety of artists and individual interpretations from graphite sketches, paintings, woodcarving, metal art, fabric and much more. Enjoy the celebration of local and regional artists as individual artist's works are featured each month at

Patoka's ArtSpace.

If you or someone you know would like to exhibit, please call Patoka Lake Visitor Center 812.685.2447.

